

Seven Keys TO Baldpate

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"We all wish you success, I'm sure," Mr. Magee searched his memory in vain for this "actress" name and fame. The answer was simple. Another fable was being spun from whole cloth beneath the roof of Baldpate Inn. "We have a New York paper here," he went on, "but as yet there seems to be no news of your disappearance."

"Wouldn't it be the limit if they didn't fall for it?" queried the older woman.

"Fall for it," repeated Professor Bolton, not questioning, but with the air of a scientist about to add a new and rare specimen to his alcohol jar.

"She means if they didn't accept my disappearance as legitimate news," explained the girl. "That would be very disappointing. But surely there was no harm in making the experiment."

"They're a clever lot, those newspaper guys," sneered Mr. Bland. "In their own opinion. But when you come



"I am to disappear completely for a time."

right down to it every one of 'em has a nice little collection of gold bricks in his closet. I guess you've got them going. I hope so."

"Thank you," smiled the girl. "You are very kind. You are here, I understand, because of an unfortunate affair of the heart?"

Mr. Bland smoothed back his black hair from his forehead and smirked. "Oh, now," he protested.

"Arabella," put in Mr. Magee, "was her name. The beauties of history and mythology bobbled into oblivion at sight of her."

"I'm quick to forget," insisted Mr. Bland.

"That does you no credit, I'm sure," replied the girl severely. "And now, mamma, I think we had better select our rooms."

She paused, for Elijah Quimby had come in through the dining room door. "Well!" he drawled. "Mr. Magee," he said, "that letter from Mr. Bentley asked me to let you stay at Baldpate Inn. There wasn't anything in it about your bringing parties of friends along."

"These are not friends I've brought along," explained Magee. "They're simply some more amateur hermits who have strolled in from time to time. All have their individual latchkeys to the hermitage. And all, I believe, have credentials for you to examine."

Mr. Quimby stared in angry wonder. Professor Bolton rose from his chair. "So you are Quimby," he said in a soothing tone. "I'm glad to meet you at last. My old friend John Bentley has spoken of you so often. I have a letter from him." He drew the caretaker to one side and took an envelope from his pocket. The two conversed in low tones.

CHAPTER VII.

The Mayor Casts a Shadow Before.

QUICKLY the girl in the corduroy suit leaned toward Mr. Magee. She whispered, and her tone was troubled:

"Stand by me. I'm afraid I'll need your help."

"What's the matter?" inquired Magee.

"I haven't much of any right here, I guess. But I had to come."

"But your key?"

"I fear my—my press agent—stole it."

"Never mind," he said very gently; "I'll see you through."

Quimby was standing over Mr. Bland. "How about you?" he asked.

"Call up Andy Kutter and ask about me," replied Bland in the tone of one who prefers war to peace.

"I work for Mr. Bentley," said Quimby. "Rutter hasn't any authority here. He isn't to be manager next season. Understand. However, the professor wants me to let you stay. He says he'll be responsible."

Mr. Bland looked in open mouthed astonishment at the unexpected sponsor he had found. "And you?" went on Quimby to the women.

"Why?" began Miss Norton.

"Absolutely all right," said Mr. Magee. "They come from Hal Bentley, like myself. He's put them in my care. I'll answer for them." He saw the girl's eyes. They spoke her thanks.

Mr. Quimby shook his head as one in a dream.

"All this is beyond me—way beyond," he murmured. "I'm going to write all about it to Mr. Bentley, and I suppose I got to let you stay till I hear from him. I think he ought to come up here if he can."

"The more the merrier," said Mr.

Magee, reflecting cheerfully that the Bentleys were in Florida at last accounts.

"Come, mamma," said Miss Norton, rising. "Let's go up and pick out a suit. There's one I used to have a few years ago. You can see the hermit's shack from the windows. By the way, Mr. Magee, will you send Mr. Peters up to us? He may be able to help us get settled."

"Ahem!" muttered Mr. Magee. "I'll have a talk with Peters. To be quite frank, I anticipate trouble. You see, the hermit of Baldpate doesn't approve of women."

"The idiot!" cried Mrs. Norton. "Delicious!" laughed the girl.

"I shall ask Peters to serve you," said Magee. "I shall appeal to his gallant side. But I must proceed gently. This is his first day as our cook, and you know how necessary a good first impression is with a new cook. I'll appeal to his better nature."

(To be Continued.)

NEWS FROM REMBERT.

Baptism and Funeral at New Hope Church—To Organize Sunday School.

Rembert, May 13.—Well, there was a baptism at New Hope church Sunday, May 10th, and a burial. Rev. W. J. Wilder, the pastor, officiated.

These people can have a fine Sabbath School, if they really try.

Next Lord's day, May 17, they are to consider New Hope day and plan for it. It is their wish that any nearby friends or former members living near meet with them and plan for good and great things.

Mr. W. R. Brown still lingers among us. He has been sick for quite a spell and doubtless has suffered much.

Often tried, he proved himself every whit a man, even in the exigencies of war.

"Have you had the mumps?" Well, So and So has them, a bran new case in a new spot. Who next?

Once, while taking census, the writer approached a house and inquired who was in. "Billy Barlow, down with the mumps." We made ourselves scarce there.

The general health of our community never was better.

And so Miss Courtney Atkinson, whose school near Winnsboro, S. C., closed Friday, May 9th, to the great delight of her friends, is at home again. I am tempted to talk a bit but I will not.

Miss Carrie James came into our community and carried away Miss Edna Davis.

That will be a fine and jolly crowd of little Misses, Emma and Amanda McLeod of Sumter, Arabell and Elizabeth Kenedy of Kershaw county and Dorothy Manning of Columbia, who will spend some time in the near future with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bentley.

G. H. Lenoir has some very fine vetch specially when we remember he has been pasturing his hogs, a nice lot of them there since early spring.

"Hagood."

MOB HANGS NEGRO.

Crowd of 1,000 Takes Prisoner From Jail at Shreveport, La.

Shreveport, La., May 12.—Ed Hamilton, negro, held on the charge of assaulting a 10-year-old white girl, was taken from the parish jail shortly after noon today and lynched.

For three hours a mob of 1,000 men and boys stood in the rain outside the jail doors, hammering away with a heavy railroad iron at the steel obstacle that kept them from the negro. Steel saws finally were used and entrance was gained by the mob. Rope was placed about Hamilton's neck and he was dragged half a block to a telephone pole opposite the parish court house and strung up. A knife was left sticking in the body.

HOUSE BURNS IN MANNING.

Family Were up Town, But Neighbors Save Furniture.

Manning, May 13.—A six-room dwelling situated on Church street on a lot next to Clark's Tobacco Warehouse, was totally destroyed by fire early tonight. The building belonged to Dr. W. M. Brockington, and was worth about two thousand dollars. It was occupied by W. H. Creecy and family who were up town when the fire was discovered.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it started in the upper back part of the building. There was a thousand dollars insurance on the house and five hundred dollars on the furniture. A large portion of the household goods was saved by people who responded early to the alarm.

Notice of School Day Prizes.

Notice to all pupils who tied in the contests County School Day is hereby given that they will each and all receive a prize. The prizes offered will be duplicated as near as possible so that fairness may be given all. This is ordered by the County Board of Education. The prizes will be sent out or given out by the County Superintendent of Education.

TAMPICO CAPTURED.

FEDERALS RETREAT FROM CITY TOWARD SAN LOUIS POTOSI.

Rebels Made Desperate Assault Wednesday Morning Driving the Federals From Their Intrenchments.

Vera Cruz, May 13.—The fall of Tampico and what it may mean is the subject of general speculation here. It is learned that the constitutionalists delivered a determined attack on the port beginning at 4 o'clock this morning. The federal advance posts were driven in and until noon desperate firing was continuous.

In what direction the federals are evacuating the town has not been learned but it is believed that the constitutionalists have overrun the territory around San Luis Potosi and Monterey, which would make federal escape in that direction possible only by a continuous running fight for many miles.

Few if any foreigners remain in Tampico, according to the last reports received here. A general exodus began when the news spread that the rebels were preparing for a final assault. Many Tampico refugees passed through here, but few were allowed ashore, as the American authorities were not willing to increase the large colony already overcrowding the hotels. With the fall of Tampico hostilities on the gulf coast of Mexico come to an end, at least for a time.

The federals are maintaining the armistice so far as the Americans are concerned, according to a note from Gen. Rubio Navarette published here today.

Nowhere else along the coast line except at Tampico are there more than scattered posts of federals or constitutionalists and the logical movement of the victors from Tampico would be to join forces with those besieging San Luis Potosi.

South of Tampico the nearest federal forces, those on the Mexican railroad, are merely holding outposts against a possible American advance inland. The country between Tampico and Vera Cruz and inland to the line of the Mexican National railroad is barren and mountainous and impossible for military operations.

There is no railroad or other means for the constitutionalists to move against the federals at Paso del Macho, nor would they gain great advantage by driving them back toward the capital.

The constitutionalists first attacked Tampico last December and fighting has been virtually continuous since. Twice they drove the federal garrison into the town and seemed near victory, only to be shelved by the gunboats and forced to retire to the hills. No estimate of the losses on either side ever has been officially obtained.

There is much discussion here as to the possible relations between this port under American control and Tampico under the constitutionalists. Vera Cruz depends largely on the Tampico region for food supplies, and merchants here foresee good business if the constitutionalists open the port fully to trade. It is said that Tampico is greatly in need of supplies of all kinds and Vera Cruz merchants hope to fill the demand. It is certain that the American authorities will foster the resumption of peaceful trading by every possible means.

Washington, May 13.—Evacuation of Tampico by the Mexican federal garrison began at 12.50 p. m., today, according to a relayed wireless dispatch to the navy department from Rear Admiral Mayo. The federal troops were leaving by the railroad.

That the rebels encountered desperate resistance in their final attack and that they were compelled to carry their fight to the heart of the town was indicated by Rear Admiral Mayo's report. He reported that at 1 o'clock today, when it was reported the rebels had occupied Tampico, there was heavy rifle firing in the plaza and that big gun firing continued.

Advices received by constitutionalists here said the federals were evacuating Tampico, but details were lacking.

The federals were retreating by way of the railroad leading to San Luis Potosi and it was assumed that they hoped to reach Pachuca, the terminus of a railroad line that leads indirectly to Mexico City. The railroad out of Tampico to Monterey is held by the constitutionalists.

IN DANGER OF CAPTURE.

Gen. Zaragoza's Army Retreating Through Rebel Territory.

Washington, May 14.—Admiral Mayo today reported that Gen. Zaragoza, the federal leader who defended Tampico, is in danger of capture with his entire force. The federals are retreating north and west through territory now held by constitutionalists, which is the only avenue of escape. Gen. Zaragoza is trying to effect a junction with the federals at Saltillo.

A DAY OF CARNAGE.

BLOODY HAND TO HAND FIGHTING AT TAMPICO.

Nearly Two Thousand Constitutionalists Killed in Grand Assault Wednesday—Rebels Stormed Last Stronghold of Federals With Hand Grenades—Three Thousand Federals Killed or Captured.

Vera Cruz, May 14.—The fall of Tampico hastened the doom of Dictator Huerta. The constitutionalists are now in complete possession of North Mexico and the scene of the civil war will now be transferred southward. The rebels are boasting that they will capture Mexico City within a month. The constitutionalists may now receive munitions of war from the outside world.

Over three thousand federals were killed or taken prisoners in the bloody battle at Tampico. Nearly two thousand constitutionalists fell in the grand assault after the artillery had battered a great hole in the fortifications. The rebels today are pursuing the fleeing federals toward San Luis Potosi.

It is thought impossible that more than two thousand out of the original seven thousand federal garrison of Tampico will escape.

Gen. Zaragoza, the gallant federal defender of Tampico, is missing and it is not known if he was killed.

A terrible, bloody hand to hand fighting preceded the flight of the federals. The rebels used hand grenades with terrible effect. Some of the dead are today being saturated with kerosene and burned; others are buried in trenches with quick lime.

News and Views from Pisgah.

Pisgah, May 13.—The wind storm last week was very destructive here. On some places nearby all the cotton had to be planted over and on other places a good deal had to be planted. Wherever the crop was not protected and especially on the light lands, were the spots that were killed. The loss was more than planting over, as the cotton was chopped out and paid for.

Oats are not as good as last year, owing to bad seasons.

The debate at Pisgah church last Saturday afternoon was quite spirited and interesting. The subject discussed, "Woman's Rights," was handled in all its bearings. On the affirmative were G. W. Elmore, J. E. DuPre and T. S. Cole. On the negative, D. J. Hatfield, J. T. Watson and S. B. Hatfield. At the close, the ladies sold cream, cake and lemonade for the benefit of their church and netted quite a nice little sum.

Miss Pearl Hatfield of Beverdam School, Kershaw county, read an essay on the subject discussed which was highly commended. It showed much thought on a subject that girls don't think about and reflected credit on the young lady for studying other and important things than the common frolics of the day.

I have read about all that has been said about reforming the primary and the whole of it in the main is pure rot. In all my experience I never knew a vote cast in the county but what was strictly legal, and no padded club rolls either. Now what can be done in the country can be done in the towns and cities, if the men there are actuated by the same honesty of purpose as those in the country, but they are not. The primary law is all right, but the frauds committed are by dishonest men, who would violate any law to suit their aims and purposes, just as they do the whiskey and pistol laws. Why are they not prosecuted and who answers why? The present primary law provides for the punishment of fraud, illegal voting, bribery, etc., and how all contest and challenged votes are to be settled and what more do you want, except a law that would work in favor of a certain class.

To say that a club in a ward of a city composed of men that don't know whether all its members have a right to vote or not shows such a state of ignorance that would be hard to believe. What is not known personally can be found out by inquiry as any intelligent man knows, by any member of the club whether officer or not. To enroll a man on a club not knowing whether he has a legal right to vote or not at that club, carries with it the first steps towards fraud. Then if he votes twice or more at different clubs under different names the matter can be easily traced and he can be prosecuted. If we have no protection under this law we can't have it under any law, except you produce a registration certificate like in the general election. If honest men don't look more closely after the elections than has been done, we will soon get down to New York and Philadelphia politics, and then God help the State.

West Point, Ga., May 14.—The Eady Baker Wholesale Grocery burned this morning. Loss \$150,000.

GOOD CROPS AT MAYESVILLE.

Much Tobacco Planted—Improvements at Coast Line Station—Book Club Meeting—Personal News.

Mayesville May 14.—Although the spring was late in arriving and there have been several dry spells of weather, yet from all reports, all crops are in a very satisfactory condition. Good stands of cotton can be seen all over this section and with seasonable weather, there will no doubt be a good crop of the staple hereabouts. Tobacco plants are reported in good shape and quite an extensive area of the golden weed has been set out in this section of the county this season. From present prospects, there will be another bumper crop of oats again this summer.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad authorities have been making some great improvements around the passenger station here and this work is greatly appreciated by the traveling public. The town council is putting in some good work on the streets now and under the supervision of Chief Tribble, the town is gaining a much better appearance in every way.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club and Civic League are represented at the Federation meeting in Spartanburg this week by Mrs. F. J. Bass, Mrs. P. M. Tiller and Miss Mary S. Anderson.

Miss Edna Mayes has gone to Greenville and Anderson on a visit to relatives at those points.

Mrs. Minnie Chandler and Miss Fannie Chandler are visiting relatives in Yorkville.

Mr. H. D. Corbett has returned home for his vacation from the Columbia Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Barber Roddy, and Misses Mary Marshall and Julia Boyce of Rock Hill are visiting Mrs. R. L. Grier.

Mrs. L. M. Thomas and Miss Fannie Thomas of Charleston have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cooper.

Quite a number of Mayesville people are attending the Chautauqua in Sumter this week.

Miss Elma Mayes, who is teaching in Eastover, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mayes.

Messrs. J. A. Foxworth and M. C. Mayes attended the reunion in Jacksonville last week.

Mr. Henry Weinberg and little daughter, Marvella, are visiting in and around Atlanta this week.

LIVE STOCK IN KERSHAW.

25 More Head of Fine Cattle Received by L. I. Gulon. Other Prominent Raisers.

Camden, May 13.—M. L. I. Gulon, the king of cattle raisers of South Carolina, has received another carload of twenty-five high-grade Hereford cattle. The Herefords were raised on the plantation of Warren T. McTay, on his Orchard Lake farm, Kentland, Ind.

"Mr. Gulon has the largest herd of cattle in South Carolina today," said Dr. Sorrell, of the live stock department of the Southern Railway, and the herd is being increased from time to time by additional carload shipments from the leading herds of the Northwest.

There are four huge silos under construction on Mr. Gulon's farm near Camden. They are of the hybrid construction, a combination steel and concrete affair, each having a capacity of 165 tons. The Orchard Lake farm, where the last shipment of cattle was raised, is considered the largest and finest Hereford ranch in America.

Within a short distance is Mr. Henry Savage, who has also gone into cattle raising on a large scale. He has a very large herd of high-grade cattle and, like Mr. Gulon, is planting clover, vetch and grasses.

The Smith Bros, R. T. Mickie, J. N. and C. W. Dunn, and Nick Gettys are also raising cattle on a large scale in West Wateree Township. Kershaw county is now leading the other counties of South Carolina in this industry.

KILLED ABOUT PIGEONS.

Hernade Miss., May 14.—F. S. Simmons today shot and killed Walter Reyburn near here because the latter objected to Simmons raising pigeons on his farm. Simmons has been jailed. Both are rich planters.

A license to marry has been issued to Albertus White and Louellen Anderson of Sumter.

Washington, May 14.—The government report today shows that cotton consumed during April totaled 499,772 bales against 478,506 last year.

Shreveport, May 12.—Troops were this afternoon rushed to the jail here where a mob is storming the jail, threatening to lynch a negro, charged with assaulting a ten-year-old white girl.